

Appendix K - Comments and Responses

Purpose of Appendix K

Appendix K is a paraphrased summary and the Forest's response to the substantive comments received during the public comment period from February to July, 1996 on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Plan. Letters received before or after the comment period were reviewed but were not formally acknowledged or analyzed.

New management direction and decisions were made after some of the responses were written. Although we tried to update all responses, we may have missed correcting a few of them. If conflicts or discrepancies are noted, the Record of Decision, the FEIS, and the Final Revised Forest Plan remain the official decision documents, not this Appendix.

The Public Comment Period

The 90 day comment period for the DEIS and Draft Revised Forest Plan was originally scheduled to end on May 16, 1996. After numerous requests, the Regional Forester extended the comment period to July 1 1996. A variety of methods were used to inform the public about the draft and to seek their input. These included mailings of the draft documents to individuals and organizations, news releases, newsletters, media interviews, open houses, copies of draft documents to all local libraries, contacts with cooperators and other federal, state and local agencies, and publication in the Federal Register.

Comments and Analysis

The Routt received 299 letters during the comment period. These letters are available for review at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Laramie, Wyoming. This Appendix contains all of the substantive comments that were considered and addressed. Comments were reviewed by resource specialists, forest planning staff and the Forest Supervisor to determine the nature of the response. Many changes were made to the Revised Forest Plan, FEIS and Record of Decision as a result of these comments.

Because of the sheer number of comments and issues, similar comments were combined for response. While your comment may not be exactly reflected in the general comment, your comment was considered individually.

How to Find Your Comments

You can find the number of your letter by referring to the list of commentors sorted alphabetically by last name. After each comment in the appendix we list the letter number of those who made the comment or a similar comment. If you are interested if seeing who made a particular comment you can look up the commentor by looking at the list of commentors sorted by letter number.

All substantive comments were read, considered and responded to. Some people think that if they don't get what they asked for, nobody listened. Although they may or may not get what they asked for, review of this document will show that they were heard.

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